



Islip, NY – Islip Town Councilman John Edwards (front, right) recently honored Ken Mangan, founder of Every Child’s Dream, at a Town Board meeting at Islip Town Hall.

Every Child’s Dream, under the direction of Ken Mangan, introduces economically disadvantaged and vulnerable youth in the community to cultural, athletic, and social events that they otherwise may not encounter as a result of their socioeconomic circumstances.

Each summer, hundreds of children attend *Back Pack Pirates Summer Fest*, a fun-filled day on Fire Island. The children are provided with a backpack full of school supplies for the upcoming school year. During the holiday season, Every Child’s Dream hosts a Community Holiday Dinner. This year’s dinner was attended by over 600 children and their families.

Pictured (left to right) are: (back row): Councilman Steve Flotteron; Councilman Gene Parrington; Town Clerk Regina Duffy; Councilwoman Trish Bergin Weichbrodt; front row: Supervisor Phil Nolan; Ken Mangan; and Councilman Edwards.